suffice. Sometimes various processes will have to be undergone before the budget is sanctioned.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are they not asked to submit proposals?

President.—Departments like Public Works, etc., consume a large amount, and it is their duty to send estimates with proposals.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Out of Rs. 280 allotted to the Chovvannur Panchayat, only Rs. 68 was utilised. I simply want to bring this to the notice of the Government.

President.—Had you any interview with the Panchayat authorities?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I had correspondence with them, Sir.

President.—Does the correspondence show that they have sent the proposals in time?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The Panchayat sent me copies of the proposals sent up.

President.—From those copies were you able to know that proposals were sent in time?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Yes, Sir.

President.—Does the Agricultural Department say that they were not sent in time?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Yes, Sir; but our Panchayat Member says that they were not sent in time.

President.—In all these things, a personal interview will make clear many matters. You just ask them to give information, and then place the matter before the Council. If they do not do it, then you can question them. These Panchayat members may be asked to take more interest in the matter.

82. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats be pleased to state the average amount annually given to a Panchayat in the last five years?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—

1097	Rs.	1,097— 1—10
1098	,,	853—15— 4
1099	,,	975— 0— 7
1100	,,	1,290—10— 6
1101	,,	1,038— 3— 5

A caste-war statement of agricultural and horticultural scholarship-holders.

83. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C. No. 1779/90, dated 12th August 1917, and to state the total

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number of scholarships given in the years 1917 to 1926 for studies or training in Agricultural Science or Horticulture, and of the total number of scholarship-holders in these years, how many are (1) caste-Hindus, (2) non-caste Hindus, (3) Christians, (4) Muhammadans and (5) Jews, and how many applicants there were for the scholarship given last time?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Member is referred to page 35, Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 23rd Chingam 1093. For information on the other points the Member is referred tothe answers to questions 183 and 203 of the last budget session.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—A part of my question has not been answered. The answer given is to refer to questions 183 and 203 of the last budget session. They do not furnish the information.

President.—Is not the information with regard to the various scholarship-holders in Agriculture from 1917-1926 furnished by that answer? Please look into the matter, Mr. Raman Menon.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I did not get the opportunity to put a supplementary question to that answer. The answer given to it does not answer the point which I wanted. That is why I repeated the question, as I wish to have a classification of the scholarship-holders. The answer furnished shows "Brahmins two, non-Brahman caste-Hindus six, and Christian 1".

President.—According to your question, you want the number of caste-Hindus who were awarded scholarships. In the answer caste-Hindus are sub-divided as Brahmans 2, and non-Brahman caste-Hindus 6. You will readily get the result as 8 by adding 6 and 2, and this answers your point.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I just wanted to draw the attention of the Government to this fact.

The allotment for Panchayat works.

84. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—It is claimed for the budget estimate of 1102 that the allotment of Panchayats has been substantially increased. Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether it was not the practice in previous years to sanction separate allotments for new wells, tanks, roads, sanitary arrangements, etc., out of the departments concerned;

(b) what portion of the allotment is covered by the omission in the budget of the other departments for works now transferred to the Panchayats?

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